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1. NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION HEADED BY AMB. KIM DJOUNG KEUL DEPARTED NIAMEY APRIL 5 FOR BAMAKO AFTER VISIT OF TEN DAYS. DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT DIORI AND PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BOUBOU HAMA. ACTING MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAROU KOUKA HOSTED DINNER IN THEIR HONOR. IN PRESS STATEMENT AMBASSADOR KIM EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY OF KOREAN PEOPLE IN NIGER'S FIGHT AGAINST DROUGHT AND PAID TRIBUTE TO ENLIGHTENED LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT DIORI. HE SAID HE HOPED RELATIONS BETWEEN NORTH KOREA AND NIGER WOULD BE STRENGTHENED AS RESULT OF HIS VISIT. HE AFFIRMED THAT DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUPLIC WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REUNIFY KOREA SINCE TO RECOGNIZE THE DIVISION OF THE COUNTRY WOULD BE TREASON.

2. COMMENT: AS FAR AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LEARN, VISIT BY NORTH KOREANS SEEMED TO BE USUAL, ANNUAL AFFAIR. WE HAVE NOT PICKED UP ANY INDICATIONS THAT
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THEY WERE ANY MORE SUCCESSFUL THIS YEAR THAN PREVIOUSLY

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IN GAINING GON RECOGNITION.

3. CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION OF ROK CERAMICS PLANT,
IT SEEMS PROJECT IS STALLED FOR REASONS WE ARE UNAWARE.
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